(c) In Orissa extensive areas in the Districts of Maytirbhanj, Balasore, Puri, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam and Koraput are reportedly favourable for rubber plantation.

Financial assistance to small scale industrie^ jn Orissa

1911. SHRI JAGADISH" JANI; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the role of commercial banks in Orissa in financing working capital needs of Small scale industries is extremely unsatisfactory;

(b) whether the commercial banks have not changed their altitude despite the fact that RBI has issued j instructions to them to play a better role in financing the small scale industries; and

- (c) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to make available adequate finance to the small scale industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir. The advances by all scheduled commercial banks to Small Scale Industrial Units in Orissa have increased from Rs. 47.22 crores in December. 1982 to Rs. 91.03 crores in June, 1985. The number of units assisted during the same period has increased from 47051 to 61400 indicating that the commercial banks have played their role quite satisfactorily.

(b) and (c) Under the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank, special consideration has to be given by the] banks to the credit needs of the priority sector borrowers which includes SSIs. The commercial banks are required to abide toy the instructions issued by RBI from time to time. Progress made by commercial ! banks io extending credit to priority sector is constantly reviewed at district and state level forums.

Import of white cement under OCL

1912. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta High Court has held that the import of white cement under O.G.L.. during policy period 1985 was proper and did not violate the provisions of relevant import policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Union of India was one of the respondents in the above case:

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Union of India has not preferred any appeal against the said judgement; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that inspite of the above judgement of the Calcutta High Court, the office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports has initiated proceedings against the importers of the above item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT); (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Taking over of control of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company by NIOCO Group

1913. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM;
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NICCO Group has taken over the effective control of Peerless General

Finance and Investment Company; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the Central Government's re. action thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Under the provision^ of the Companies Act, 1956, Companies are required to file annual returns giving changes in the share-holdings once a year after the Annual General Meetings of the Companies. Government have not received any information so far about the shares of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited, Calcutta having been acquired by the NICCO Group of Companies.

Settlement of industrial disputes pending between ITDC management and its employees

1914. SHRJ V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN;

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of industrial disputes pending between ITDC and its employees and Unions in various courts in the country as on date;

(b) how many disputes are more than eight years old;

(c) whether any such old dispute has been settled across the table through negotiations between the management and worker/unions during the last three years; if so, what are the details of those pending disputes settled outside courts/tribunals; and

(d) whether ITDC management proposes to resolve disputes across the table through purposeful negotiations rather than prolonged wasteful litigations in courts/tribunals; if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The information is given in the Statement. (See below).

(c) Only one case of Shri J. K. Verma, who was working as Stenographer in Akbar Hotel and who had challenged the termination °f his services was settled out of court.

(d) ITDC makes every endeavour *to* settle disputes across the table but often due to non-cooperative attitude of employees/unions, such disputes do not get settled across the table.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Unit/Division	Number of cases pending in				Number of cases pending for	
		Labour Tribunal	Labour Court	Other Courts	Total	more than 8 years	Less than 8 years
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Ashok Hotel . .	17	8	..	25	2	23
2	Janpath Hotel . .	7	..	..	7	..	7
3	Ranjit Hotel . .	3	1	..	4	..	4
4	Akbar Hotel . .	3	4	2	9	1	8
5	Ashok Travels & Tours	4	10	2	16	1	15